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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Jorgen DENUL et al.

Title: SUBSTRATE COVERED WITH AN INTERMEDIATE COATING  
AND A HARD CARBON COATING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: